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The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" I do not think that the retiring of men with 25 years' service would necessarily result in larger savings. But that question is also under consideration."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—" May I know, whether the Government will consider it? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" It is being examined."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know, Sir, whether among the thirteen of the most junior probationary assistant surgeons that have been discharged, there are any Mussalmans? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" I do not know, I must enquire. Probably there is one."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister considered the rule that retrenchment should not be to the detriment of the principle of communal rotation in the services? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" That is a question now under the consideration of the Government."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know, Sir, whether these junior probationary assistant surgeons will be absorbed in the ten civil assistant surgeons and eleven civil surgeons who may be retired? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" That is also a question which will be considered."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" May I know, Sir, whether, as and when vacancies arise in the cadre of assistant surgeons, these people will be absorbed in the service, and that they will be given the benefit of first refusal? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" Yes, Sir. The suggestion will be considered."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" Is it not the policy of the Government to stop recruitment hereafter? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" No, Sir, not necessarily."

Religious Endowments

Number of seats allotted to the North Arcot District Temple Committee.

* 609 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number of seats allotted to the North Arcot District Temple Committee is;

(*b*) how the seats were distributed to the various taluk boards in the district to be chosen by them;

(*c*) when was the final order of Government passed on such distribution;

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(*d*) whether the said order was recently altered by increasing the number or otherwise; and

(*e*) if so, what was the necessity for the change?

A.—(*a*) Eleven seats were originally allotted.

(*b*)

Cheyyar Taluk Board	2
Polur Taluk Board	1
Ranipet Taluk Board	2
Tiruppattur Taluk Board	3
Tiruvannamalai Taluk Board	1
Vellore Taluk Board	1

(The remaining seat was allotted to the Vellore Municipal Council.)

(*c*) In June 1931.

(*d*) The order was altered in July 1931 increasing the number of seats allotted to the Tiruvannamalai Taluk Board by one.

(*e*) The principle adopted in fixing the strength of the Committee is to allot one seat for each revenue taluk or Deputy Tahsildar's division comprised in a taluk board area. On this principle an additional seat had to be allotted to the Tiruvannamalai Taluk Board as the taluk board area comprises two revenue taluks.

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—" In view of the answer to clause (*b*), may I know why three seats are allotted to the Tiruppattur Taluk Board and only one seat to the Polur Taluk Board? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" Polur Taluk Board has got only one Revenue taluk within its area, whereas Tiruppattur Taluk Board comprises three Revenue taluks."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—" May I know what those three taluks are? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" Notice."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether elections in this area have not been completed? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" Notice."

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" When and how are these elections to take place? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" Under the constitution."

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" What is the constitution? I thought the election itself would be held under the Act. Is there going to be a separate constitution? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—" The taluk boards recommend and the Government appoint the members of the committee."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the taluk boards have completed the elections in the matter of committees? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Not in all cases."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I am referring to the district of North Arcot? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" Notice, Sir."

Pensions

Certificate by pensioners of the non-receipt of any remuneration by them from local funds.

* 610 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government pensioners are at present required to append a certificate to their monthly pension bill declaring that they have not received any remuneration for serving in any capacity under a local fund;

(*b*) whether there is any necessity for this rule at present or whether it is only a relic of the past when the local funds were incorporated with the Government funds; and

(*c*) if the latter, whether there is any proposal before the Government to get the rule or the form amended?

A.—(*a*) A certificate of non-employment has to be signed to the effect that no remuneration has been received for serving in any capacity either in a Government establishment or in an establishment paid from a local fund.

(*b*) The rules in the Civil Service Regulations regarding re-employment apply to service under all local funds. The certificate referred to in clause (*a*) is necessary as long as these rules are in force.

(*c*) No.

Forest Panchayats

Expenses incurred by Forest Panchayats in connexion with the Panchayats' Conference.

* 611 *Q.*—Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR : With reference to the answer to question No. 122, dated the 5th August 1931, regarding expenses incurred by Paranallur and other Forest Panchayats in connexion with the Panchayats' Conference, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state —

(*a*) whether the Board of Revenue has passed any orders;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place those orders on the table together with the reasons which made the Board to issue such orders; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to call for a report?